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Business is blooming

Bloomberg Business Terminal springs to action

Gabby Carlson
News Co-Editor

Last spring, Taylor's business department received a Bloomberg Business Terminal, composed of two computer monitors and a specialized keyboard. According to Jody Hirschy, business department chair, the arrival of the terminal changed the way the department receives information.

"What the department did (previously) was our finance faculty, Dr. (Scott) Adams, would spend multiple hours aggregating this information so that students could use this information," Hirschy said.

Three portfolios or Student Managed Investment Funds (SMIF) hold \$2.5 million that is part of Taylor's endowment. This money is run and managed by groups of students in the business department.

These students then choose what stocks and bonds Taylor buys and sells over the course of the semester. However, getting information on what to look for and the best prices are tedious without a means of getting that information quickly.

"Someone said... 'you wouldn't run your science program without microscopes right?'" Scott Adams, professor of finance, said. "I don't know that people really understand the investment area where I operate, but I think they understand that it's a tool you kind of need to operate."

Because of the department's success in recent years, including being named top Fixed-Income Manager at QGAME, a networking event and competition in New York City, Taylor's board found a donor to foot the bill for the expensive terminal.

The use of the Bloomberg Business Terminal is on a subscription basis, costing \$24,000 annually. According to Adams, there is currently enough money for a one-year subscription



Photograph by Hannah Boldt

Scott Adams demonstrates the new Bloomberg Business Terminal in his office.

in the fund. Beyond that, Adams was unsure.

"(The Bloomberg Business Terminal) sits on every major finance person's desk around the world," Adams said. "It just allows you to grab a significant amount of data, and really where its advantage is over about anything else is it's about the only place to quickly get data on bonds."

This program connects traders and financial professionals through instant messages. It is advantageous for students to understand how to use for two main reasons, according to Adams.

Although it is helpful for research concerning SMIF, it also has a training system that certifies students with the Bloomberg company. An additional test also gives students the capability to put their résumé on the terminal, which is accessible to any user. This gives potential employers using the system access to student résumés.

"So, obviously Bloomberg is where professionals go, saying, 'Okay, I need to hire a new portfolio manager or analyst,'" Adams said. "And they can go on

there and look at résumés, and our students are able to put them there. They could potentially find jobs."

Not only is this a good way to connect with employers, but it has helped Adams stay connected to alumni working in the field. Instead of sending them an email, he is able to send them a direct message through the Bloomberg Terminal asking them what to buy, what they're looking at and what he should be telling his students.

The endowment teams are the only students currently working on the terminal independently. Occasionally, a student will need it for a project and Adams walks them through the process, but with only one terminal, resources are limited.

"One of the things I want (students) to say is, 'I know how to use a Bloomberg terminal,'" Adams said. "You want them to say, 'Look, I'm professionally ready, and I have experience with these things, and Bloomberg is one of those things.'"

Hirschy believes the business department is raising up the next generation

of excellent Christian business professionals. In the financial world, the Bloomberg terminal is a vital tool that most finance professionals use.

Having a Bloomberg terminal is not unique, but it is unusual for a school



Photograph by Hannah Boldt

Bloomberg Business Terminal in his office.

as small as Taylor, according to Adams.

"If they (students) are able to get their foot in the door through a branded, professionally driven experience, such as Bloomberg, then they're better prepared and positioned to influence the market for Christ," Hirschy said.

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Accreditation evaluation

Taylor to be re-evaluated in March

Emily Rachelle Russell
Staff Writer

A Comprehensive Quality Review Team (CQRT) of select Taylor faculty and staff is meeting biweekly in preparation for a reaccreditation visit from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) reviewers in March 2018.

This year marks 70 years since Taylor first achieved accreditation. According to Provost Jeff Moshier, this external evaluation and validation tells parents, students and future employers Taylor University meets national standards for excellence and educational quality. Accreditation is also required for the school to offer federal financial aid.

"It's kind of our chance to shine," Moshier said. "We're confident that we'll do well."

Director of Assessment and Quality Improvement Kim Case leads the CQRT and campus preparations for HLC's visit.

"(Accreditation) opens up the door for more students to come to Taylor," Case said. "It matters to us because we want to be excellent. I think it really matters to God because we're committed to this mission that we have. And I think it matters to the rest of the world that there is this external validation that what we do is truly helping students to learn and to excel."

According to Moshier, the accreditation team will be measuring whether Taylor does what its protocols and promises claim; they will be looking

primarily at educational standards and quality of student learning. Students play a part in this process.

The HLC visitors will review documents and materials supplied by Taylor and the HLC prior to their visit, then determine who they need to meet with and what student feedback is necessary. This feedback will likely include meetings with student government and other student groups as well as open forums. Surveys will also be sent to all students prior to the team's visit.

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Bergwall Hall Director Kate Austin ('11) is one of the members of the CQRT. She encourages students to participate in providing feedback.

"I would really hope that students would show up to (HLC's) open forums, that they would come and share honestly and be able to speak to ways Taylor's done things well or that they would hope Taylor would improve in the future," Austin said.



Photograph by Ruth Flores-Orellana

Kim Case is head of preparation for the Comprehensive Quality Review Team's arrival in March.

The CQRT includes 10 individuals selected by Moshier and Case and has been meeting since the summer of 2016, according to Moshier. These individuals were chosen due to their service of campus needs, strong communication skills, experience with accreditation through their individual departments or organizational skills.

Taylor was formerly accredited through the 10 year standard pathway, according to Case. The school now follows the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) which focuses more on continual improvement and follows an eight-year cycle. The upcoming reaccreditation began a strategic portfolio of information compiled and written by a group of about 90 people, submitted in June 2015 to the HLC. The HLC then returned feedback on this report.

The CQRT used the original report with HLC's feedback to create a quality highlights report, which will be given to the reviewers before they visit campus. According to Moshier and Case, a team of three to five people with extensive training from the HLC will be chosen by the HLC a few weeks before the scheduled campus visit on March 12-14, 2018.

"(Accreditation says) we're meeting standards... your major means something (and) the institution means something," Austin said.

Students will receive a survey sometime during J-term or early spring semester, according to Case. Moshier stresses the desire for genuine, unrehearsed student feedback. These surveys will be anonymous and sent directly to the HLC.

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Heart and gospel soul

Keepers of the Faith Quartet to perform in Matthews

Chrysa Keenon
News Co-Editor

International gospel quartet Keepers of the Faith is performing in a concert at Epworth United Methodist Church (UMC) in Matthews, Indiana this weekend. It will be their third consecutive year at this location.

The band will be performing as a part of Epworth UMC's Concert Outreach Ministry. The ministry started 10 years ago by Taylor alumnus and concert coordinator Damon Moorman. The goal of the ministry is to make concerts as affordable as possible and to bring new music and culture to the area.

"Our goal is to schedule artists who want to spread the gospel of Jesus and not just come perform," Moorman said. "I wanted to bring high caliber concerts to the area so that people in the community would not have to drive far to see them, as travel is difficult for many people."

The church typically averages about eight-to-10 concerts a year, according to Moorman. The Concert Outreach Ministry is mostly funded through donations and dinner fundraisers. While bringing large names to the Matthews area, the church strives to keep concerts on an admission charge at the door or a donation. On occasion, tickets are sold in advance, but often that



Photograph provided by Damon Moorman

The Keepers of the Faith perform for audiences in Epworth United Methodist Church.

comes with widely known artists.

Keepers of the Faith sparked the interest of Moorman when he saw them in concert five years prior. The band has performed at Epworth UMC for three consecutive years during their Midwest tour. The band is currently made up of the vocalists Lima Taito, Agaese Taito, Mason Mataele and Kevin Mills. The group originated in Hawaii 18 years ago but now

resides out of Washington state.

According to band manager and founder Ace Taito, the ministry started through a family going to prisons and preaching through a capella music to inmates. As a former inmate himself, Ace Taito recognized the importance of spreading the Christian message to those who desperately need to hear it.

"No matter how deep or how bad your life may be or how much a bad person you've been, it doesn't matter with Christ," Ace Taito said. "Christ can take your mess and turn it into good."

The group has traveled across the continental United States and Canada. Ace Taito shared that requests for performances in the countries of Australia, New

Zealand and parts of Europe have been coming in.

Ace Taito believes Keepers of the Faith has their own style of music that is unique to any other band. The group strives to keep the traditional sound of the Hawaiian Islands but gives it a recognizable twist. The band's website describes the sound as a deep south island flavor, and Ace Taito agreed the band members attempted to keep the heritage of island soul paired with a gospel sound to make the overall music unique.

"People come to the conclusion that this is not an ordinary concert," Ace Taito said. "Whatever their struggles with it leads . . . all of us need to be pointing people back to Jesus, not some church, not some individuals, basically just pointing them back to the only hope, and that's Jesus."

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The concert will be held at Epworth UMC located at 105 West 8th St. in Matthews. The doors open at 6 p.m., and the concert starts at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge, and refreshments will be offered after the concert.

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Partners in relief

Taylor's effort in hurricane support

Abby Crosley & Chrysa Keenon
Contributor and News Co-Editor

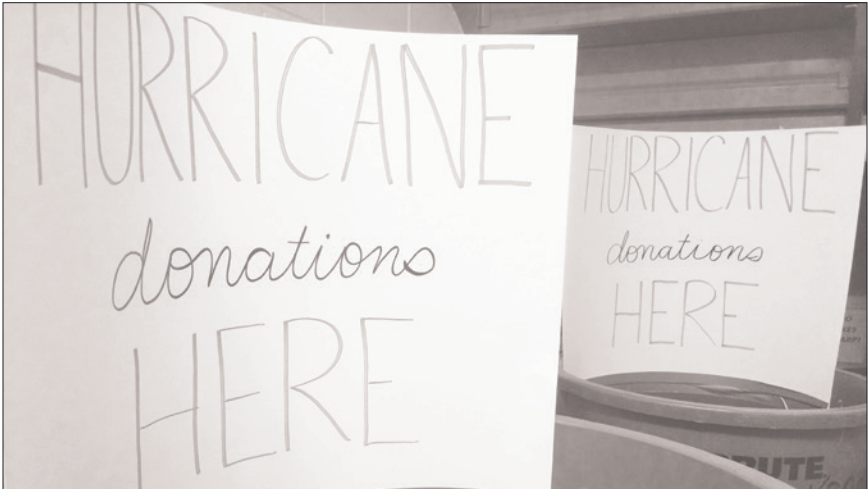
Immediate and ongoing hurricane relief efforts are happening on campus involving planning mission trips and food collection drives.

Partnering with Upland-centered Lightrider Ministries, Taylor is making efforts to send students and other volunteers down to Houston to assist in hurricane relief over spring break.

Brainstormed by Lightrider's Director of Bus Ministries Craig Smalley, the upcoming spring break trip will involve bussing multiple groups down to the Houston area. The ministry will accommodate around 30-40 volunteers on each bus, and the trip will last around eight days. Smalley projected there would be five days of work, as he said it takes roughly 18 hours to drive to the area.

"We thought it would be beneficial to have students get involved and show their faith in a practical way," Smalley said. "It would be great for social work majors to get some great experience, as well as anyone else that would want to be involved."

Wanting to find partners in the



Photograph by Hannah Boldt

Containers for donations are placed at every home game until next Saturday.

Christian community, Smalley reached out to Taylor as well as Cedarville University in Ohio. A representative from Cedarville contacted Lightrider's partner in Van Buren, Eagle Wings. Through that organization, Lightrider came in contact with Cedarville. Now both universities are working to send volunteers to Houston.

The trip is working through Campus Crusade for Christ International, also known as Cru in the United States. Director of Discipleship Programs Sara Hightower-Yoder explained that Cru will be assisting Taylor in organizing lodging and work projects while in Houston.

"As things unfold, we will

determine if we add an additional trip to help with Hurricane Irma relief as well," Hightower-Yoder said.

If students are interested in learning more about this program, informational sessions will be held Oct. 23-24 at 7 p.m. in the Recital Hall.

The athletic department has also had a hand in relief. According to a statement posted by Assistant Athletic Director of Communications Seth Mikel, non-perishable foods are in collection at home football, volleyball and soccer games. Containers are available during games at the entrances to Turner Stadium and Paul Patterson Court for continuing donations until next Saturday.

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Bree's Be a t

International News

After effects of 2013 Egyptian uprising

Bree Bailey
Contributer

After four years of unjust imprisonment and brutal torture in Egypt, Irish citizen Ibrahim Halawa was finally declared innocent on Sept. 18, 2017.

Halawa was one of nearly 500 protesters arrested during an uprising in 2013. These individuals were imprisoned and falsely accused of crimes including breaking into a mosque, murdering 44 people and possessing illegal firearms.

Amnesty International informs that, although the release of Halawa is a great first step, there are still 442 others who have been sentenced to five years or more of imprisonment. U.S. citizen Ahmed Etiwy was one of the individuals caught up in the chaos. As a result of the mass trial, Etiwy is now sentenced to five years in prison. There is a pressing need for these innocent people to be retried in a just manner, or simply released, until concrete evidence can be found against them.

What is the cause of this unreasonable mass trial? In August of 2013, former President of Egypt Mohammed Morsi was forcibly removed from office by current President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi.

Morsi's supporters rallied in protest against this uprising. As a result, violence broke out and nearly 1,000 protesters were killed. Security used unnecessary lethal force, which was never dealt with in court. Instead, hundreds of protesters were abducted without any solid evidence backing these arrests.

Since this uprising in 2013, thousands of protesters have "vanished" and found themselves trapped in Egyptian prisons. They have been denied family visits or

lawyers and are often treated with brutality and abuse.

Najia Bounaim, Amnesty's North African spokesperson stated, "These proceedings expose the deep flaws in Egypt's notorious criminal justice system."

Nelva Nse Ndong, an Egyptian who is now studying at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW), declares she does not support Morsi nor the current president. In her perspective, Morsi was a dictator and a killer, and the current president was also involved in these shootings. She said the revolution against Morsi felt like new freedom for many people.

"I don't like the fact that the government is very much corrupted. . . . Discrimination against people of different ethnicities is a huge issue in my country," Nse Ndong said.

Nse Ndong thinks the protestors had a lot of courage to stand up to the government. Fighting for justice is vital to protecting more of her people's innocent lives from being taken. Imagine if fellow students on campus were beaten and taken captive for expressing their opinion about the way Taylor is run. Would you not stand up for their right to free speech and fair trial?

Are you passionate about equal rights for people around the world? Amnesty International is an organization that stands up for the rights of humankind. They fight for the groups that do not have a voice of their own. You can get involved by visiting the website www.amnesty.org.

For those pursuing careers related to marketing, research, international law, global operations, fundraising and organizations such as Amnesty are in desperate need of your help. In the meantime, pray for those in Egypt and their families who are facing an uncertain future under the volatile Egyptian government.

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Need weekend plans? Upcoming local events

9/23 - 4-11:59 p.m.

Jammin' at the G&G 2017

Grains and Grill,
Fairmount, IN

9/23 - 7-10 p.m.

Stay Outside, All is Well,
NOMAD

The Abbey Coffee Co.,
Marion, IN

9/24 - 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Puppies and Pumpkins

Wasson Nursery,
Muncie, IN

"In some Christian circles, missions has become a loaded word filled with the past mistakes of colonial and imperial missionaries. However, the world is still in need of the Gospel."

This year's missionaries in residence

It's all in the detail



Photograph provided by Steve Williams

Sophomore Steve Williams stands proudly next to one of the cars sold by Daniel Schmitt & Co.

This aspiring producer holds the dream summer job of every car enthusiast

Erin Cozad
Contributor

Steve Williams, a sophomore film major, spends his summers similar to many other college students: working. Williams has been a mechanic at Daniel Schmitt & Co. Classic Car Gallery in St. Louis for two years.

The job is fairly simple. When a car enters the shop, Williams must perform what is called a customer

detail. First, he begins cleaning the interior of the car by vacuuming the floors, scrubbing the windows and shining any furniture inside. Then, he washes and buffs the exterior portion of the car.

Williams does not perfect just any normal cars. The vehicles that enter Daniel Schmitt & Co. once belonged to some of the most prominent members in America. Williams has gained the opportunity to wash former President John F. Kennedy's and Elvis Presley's cars.

He elaborates on his experience of caring for Kennedy's 1961 Lincoln Continental convertible.

When asked if he was nervous to freshen up the \$2.5 million vehicle,

he said, "I definitely would've been nervous to care for the car. The thing was that my boss did not even tell me it was John F. Kennedy's car until I was halfway through the job!"

Williams looks back on the opportunity to care for Kennedy's car with enthusiasm because he knows it was such a rare opportunity. He loves his job because he gets to work on one of his passions every day and gets the chance to work on some of the most expensive cars in the world.

Although washing such prestigious vehicles can bring pressure, it is Williams's favorite part of the job. Being a "car nerd," he loves seeing

all the different types of high-value cars that enter the shop. However, because of the consistent flow of rare cars, sometimes the job can feel



Photograph provided by Steve Williams
A C1 Corvette strikes a pose outside the garage.

boring when the same car sits in the shop for days or even weeks.

Challenges also come with the job. Summer working conditions in a car shop can be brutal. A typical work day consists of 10 hours in the heat of a Missouri summer. Temperatures usually range around 95 to 100 degrees.

Working in a secular environment also poses a challenge. His co-workers often mock him for expressing his faith.

Williams responded to this challenge by saying, "I have never been in a situation where my faith has been challenged or (questioned), so it was a very uncomfortable feeling." He believes he is a stronger Christian because of it.

Williams plans to work part time at Daniel Schmitt & Co. next summer and cannot wait for what exciting classic cars enter the shop. Although he will most likely not be pursuing a career in the car industry, he hopes to find a film job incorporating cars. His dream is a side job where he can create promotional videos for car companies for their new or classic vehicles.

No matter where Williams's film career takes him, he will never lose the "car nerd" inside of him. Whether he pursues a career involving cars or simply works on his own car someday, he will always bring the lessons and experiences that he gains from his dream summer job.

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Photograph provided by Steve Williams
A Ferrari Dino on display lights up the room with its glamour.

This year's missionaries in residence

New pilot program takes off

Abigail Roberts
A&E Editor

When Flown all the way from Ukraine, missionary couple Richard and Marilyn Perhai make Taylor their home for this academic year.

In 2001, the Perhais moved from Auburn Hills, Michigan to Kiev, Ukraine with SEND International. At the time, Richard Perhai had a good job, a home close to family and young kids whom he and his wife were homeschooling. Many of the Perhais' friends asked them, "Why would you want to leave this perfect life?"

Yet both Richard and Marilyn sensed a call to missions. Marilyn said she was apprehensive at first, praying that God would change her husband's heart.

"God had to do some foundation work on us," said Marilyn.

God provided multiple signs of conformation, including bringing two dear friends, the Burkettts, to work alongside them at the beginning as kindred spirits.

"It had to have been God orchestrating all the pieces," said Richard Perhai.

The Perhais and the Burkettts have been serving in Ukraine ever since with the same company, SEND, for over sixteen years now, along with senior Joseph Mosse's family who live and work in Odessa, Ukraine. "It's cool to see a familiar face," said Mosse.

Part of SEND's mission strategy includes an emphasis on language learning. They have all their missionaries spend their first 2-3 years immersed in the culture with their primary focus being language study. This is where Mosse first met the Perhais.

Taylor has partnered with missionaries in the past, particularly in the Computer Science department,



Richard and Marilyn Perhai, Taylor's 2017-18 missionaries in residence.

Photograph provided by Richard Perhai

where missionaries have come and worked on linguistic software.

This program, however, is unique. "I would love to see this as a pilot, where (in the future) we routinely have this program," said Provost Jeff Moshier, a contact for the program.

Richard and Marilyn are currently living in a Taylor-owned home across the street from campus. In Ukraine, Richard Perhai serves as an academic dean at Kiev Theological Seminary. Here at Taylor, he seeks to cross-pollinate; gathering concepts and programs to take back to Ukraine and sharing the gifts and knowledge he has with Taylor faculty and students.

"We could tell the Perhais were a good fit by the humility and adaptability they bring," said Moshier.

Through teaching multiple courses within the Bible Department, New

Testament, Contemporary Christian beliefs, and next semester, a new course: Eastern Orthodoxy, students will have a chance to connect with Richard Perhai, interacting with his biblical and intercultural views.

"It's super cool to hear his perspective," said junior Lydia Mooney. Junior Caleb Crowder said that Richard Perhai adds another flavor and brings differences in culture to the class which he likes a lot.

"I like it how he wants to talk about the culture he's experienced . . . and relates his experiences in a fun way," said junior Jordan Hardesty.

"For me, being in the classroom is not separate from being a missionary in residence," said Richard Perhai.

The goal of this pilot program is not to have a missionary just hanging out at the DC. Taylor wants to have someone on site partnering

with specific departments, interacting with intercultural stereotypes, encouraging Mu Kappa (the on-campus club for missionary kids) and giving a fresh look on the impact missions is having across the world. Moshier hopes this will be one of the many ways intercultural awareness can be brought into the classroom.

Former Mu Kappa president Joseph Mosse said, "They will be a great asset to the Mu Kappa community. They have raised mks themselves, so they know them inside and out."

Another one of the reasons the Perhais have come to Taylor is to encourage students toward a call to missions.

In some Christian circles, missions has become a loaded word filled with the past mistakes of colonial and imperial missionaries. However, the world is still in need of the Gospel.

"If we look from Genesis to Revelation the whole story is about the mission of God," said Richard Perhai. "We need every student and faculty to discern what mission field God has called them to."

Currently, Taylor is working on forming a robust missions major that can easily be paired with any major. The hope is to help students see how God can use their vocation for his Kingdom's sake.

"I am all for it. I know God has given students a heart for the world and have even come from around the world," said Jenny Collins, associate professor of missions.

Whether called a missions or world Christianity major, Collins would like the program to be focused on how Taylor students and faculty can partner with the global church. "(God) will involve them in what He's doing," said Collins.

There is an evident need for long term missionaries to rise up and answer the Great Commission. "I think a lot of people get intimidated by long term missions," said senior Joseph Mosse. "However, we should just as much be encouraging long term missions as well as vocational (or short-term) missions."

Called to missions himself, specifically in an Islamic community, Mosse spent this past summer working as a teacher in Lebanon. "We especially need more guys (on the field)," said Mosse.

For those who feel called to missions, Richard Perhai advises students don't think that going across a large body of water will make you a missionary. The Perhais agree that it is essential to Bloom where you are planted.

Richard and Marilyn Perhai would love to have students come and talk to them about missions, Ukraine and more.

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Run!

WWIII's Melon and Gourd tradition begins Monday

Rayce Patterson
Staff Writer

If you are out and about next week, do not be surprised to see one or two men carrying large pieces of produce with them.

Melon and Gourd is a longstanding tradition for Third West Wengatz (WWIII) and is an event that is looked forward to by residents with both nervousness and excitement.

"I love it," junior and PA Will Schaufelberger said. "First of all, it's

an excuse to play a weird game with your best friends for a week, but also, it really unites the wing because we're all kind of against each other, but at the the same time we're suffering through it together."

The event is basically a game of tag, where the two people who are 'it' have to carry around either a melon or a gourd. You can be tagged anywhere on campus, as long as you are outside of a building, or you can be tagged anywhere off campus. Participants are required to attend chapel during the week and they have to be on time. If you are the last one to have the melon or gourd on Friday, you have to take a bite out of it two weeks later at Oktoberfest, a WWIII



Third West Wengatz poses after last year's Melon and Gourd week.

Photograph provided by Jim Garringer



Photograph provided by Jim Garringer

Row, row, row your boat gently down the stream . . . of death.

pick-a-date. If you drop the melon or gourd while you possess it, or if you miss or are late to chapel, you also have to take a bite.

Melon and Gourd was created by two freshmen 25 years ago. The two had played a similar game growing up, so they brought it with them and the tradition stuck. A part of the tradition that has changed in recent years has been the entrance into chapel on Friday. At first, it was as simple as sneaking in, but it has become a much bigger deal.

"It's become really, 'What's your entrance going to be?' because it's got to be big," junior and PA Drew Lasley said.

The key to being successful at Melon and Gourd is not being fast or

athletic, although those do help, but being smart and aware, according to Schaufelberger. WWIII residents will even memorize each other's schedules in order to tag them easily. There have also been instances where they will go off campus to tag their wing mates while they are volunteering at Basics.

Freshman Ross Eckel will be on the lookout for the other freshmen on his wing this upcoming week because they are the people who will most likely know where he will be. He's also aware of the danger upperclassmen present, and hopes to mix up his route to throw off the taggers.

"I'm just gonna try to be smart and keep my eyes out wherever I go," Eckel said.

The upperclassmen also plan who they will try and tag if they end up with the melon or gourd. Lasley and Schaufelberger have a common target in senior Nolan Sponseller, who was tagged once last year for the first time. When considering who Third Westers should avoid this week, Lasley said: "Me."

Melon and Gourd has a Twitter account, @Melon_Gourd, where viewers can go to see pictures of the event. They can also follow #MandG2k17 to be updated throughout the week. There will also be a custom Snapchat filter available Thursday and Friday of next week.

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Bilbo Baggins celebrates 111 years

Birthday hosted by the Lewis Center

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Life & Times Co-Editor

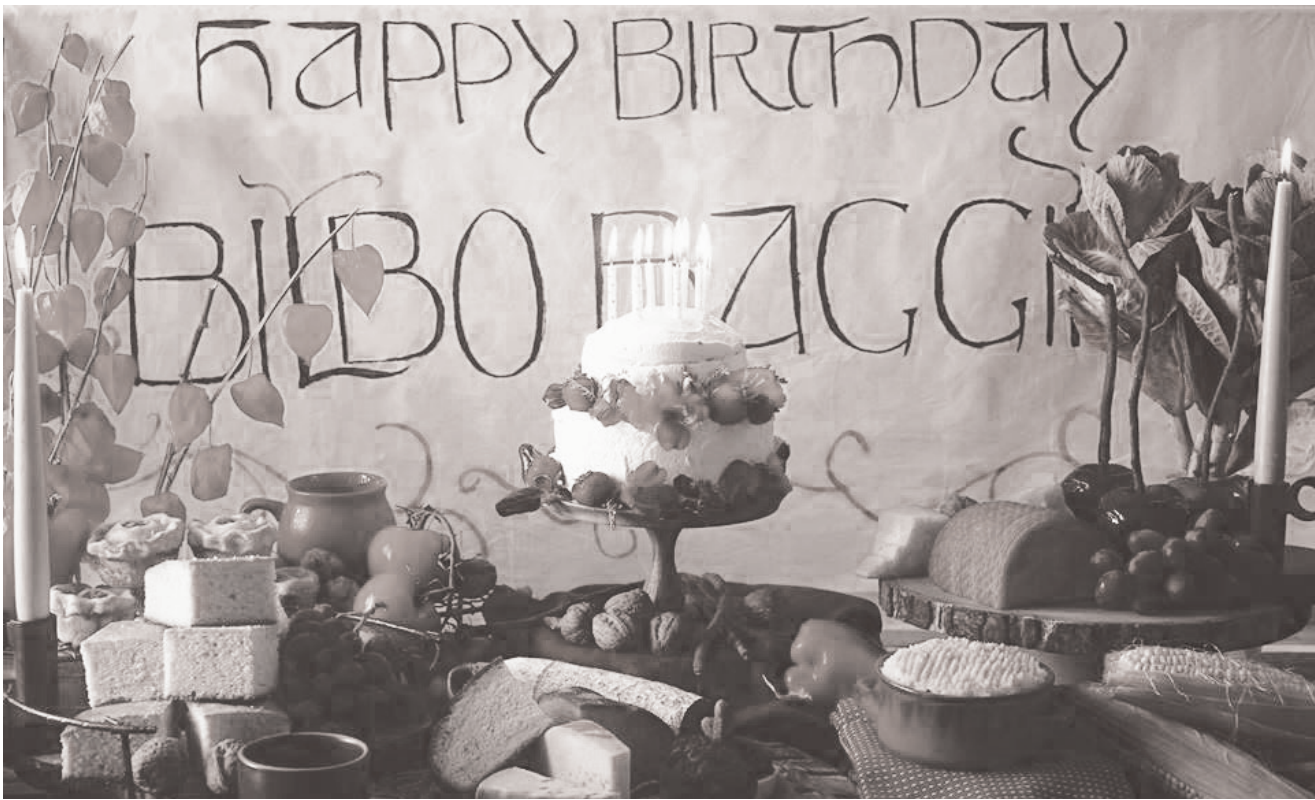
One hundred and eleven years does not pass by that often.

When the members of the Center for the Study of C.S. Lewis and Friends discussed options for events that year, they realized Sept. 22 fell on a Friday, the typical meeting day for the C.S. Lewis teas and other events. Considering the character Bilbo Baggins from J.R.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" was born on that day, they decided to host a party to celebrate the more-than-a-century-old protagonist.

"111 years is a long time!" senior Bethany Russell, one of the event coordinators, said.

She collaborated with Joe Ricke, professor of English and head of the Lewis Center, University Archivist Ashley Chu and senior Kaylen Dwyer to plan an event which models the description of Bilbo's birthday party found in "The Fellowship of the Ring."

During the planning meeting held this past week, the team of Chu, Dwyer and Ricke came up with decoration ideas such as sprucing the circle found near the Library Galleria with



... and of course, food."

Photograph provided by Deanna Huey

a "No Admittance Except on Party Business" sign and another one which declares "Bag End," the name of Bilbo's home.

They also collaborated on events, directly from the first "Fellowship of the Ring" chapter.

"The book says, 'there were songs, dances, music, games, and of course,

food and drink.'" Ricke said. "We're trying to look at the book for everything (used in the event)."

For the songs and music portion, Ricke plans to lead the group in the tune, "The Road Goes Ever On," sung by Bilbo a few pages after his birthday party. Games include a test of riddles that will feature prizes for

winners, most likely books, according to Ricke.

Another event competition includes a costume contest, similar to the one hosted at another Lewis Center event last year known as the "Lord of the Rings Marathon." For that contest, various students entered the event dressed as characters

from the Lord of the Rings, including Hobbits with very hairy feet, pointy-eared Elves and other fantastical personalities.

Junior Kendra Smalley, who often attends the weekly teas and who participated in the "Lord of the Rings" marathon, encouraged all to attend the birthday.

"I would highly, highly recommend any and all people even slightly interested in the Inklings to come!" Smalley said. "It'll be a great way to meet other people from around campus, plus there will be cake."

As always with Lewis Center events, the team plans to furnish party guests with food. The cake to celebrate Bilbo's 111th birthday, along with his nephew Frodo's 33rd year, should feed just under 150 people. Ricke hopes to have 144 guests, one for each slice of cake.

In addition to the list provided by the book, the team plans to have a "fireworks" show, which includes sparklers. And, to conclude the event, Ricke hopes to incorporate Bilbo's birthday speech which will make bystanders wonder how 111 years managed to vanish by so quickly.

Those who wish to come this event can attend today at 4 p.m. in the Library Galleria.

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C.S. Lewis Events

Sept. 29: Reading of Bethany Russell's short story "Letters from a Minor Character"

Oct. 6: Summer Research Presentations with Kendra Smalley and Kaylen Dwyer

Oct. 13: (no tea; Fall Break)

Oct. 20: Tea with Hillary Foreman on C.S. Lewis's "Till We Have Faces"

"I wanted it freshman year first semester, but it took two years," Hardesty said. "God was working on my patience, that is for sure."

Sign up

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New ASL club plans first meeting for next week

Hope Bolinger
Life & Times Co-Editor

President of the new American Sign Language (ASL) club and junior Jordan Hardesty developed an interest in sign language when she collaborated with a deaf girl for a high school history group project.

"She came to my house, and I had to write on a whiteboard what I was saying," Hardesty said. "That was a barrier, and it was really hard."

Eager to break this language obstacle, Hardesty took ASL for her requisite language her last two years of high school. During that time, she also joined the ASL club at Carmel High School in Carmel, IN and enjoyed meeting several friends along the way because she decided to pursue the language.

She appreciated conversing with members of the hard-of-hearing and deaf communities so much, she wanted to bring that experience to Taylor. Never before has the university hosted any sign language classes

or programs, according to Hardesty, but little did she know it would take a long time and mounds of paperwork to form the club.

"I wanted it freshman year first semester, but it took two years," Hardesty said. "God was working on my patience, that is for sure."

The process began with Hardesty seeking out a mentor to steer her in the right direction of forming the organization. Her freshman year, she met with Darius Farmer ('16), a former Student Senate member, who offered her advice. Unfortunately, he graduated that spring, and she still searched for another mentor to guide her. When sophomore year rolled around, she partnered with TESOL Program Coordinator Kirsten Regier. Regier's love of language and linguistics helped her and Hardesty form the club's constitution and fill out various forms.

Hardesty formed a cabinet, but various members dropped out or took a brief hiatus for reasons such as Junior Methods Practicum (JUMP) and studying abroad.

"I was thinking (the club) was going to crumble apart," Hardesty said.

"That was very stressful."

However, cabinet member positions did fill by God's providence, according to Hardesty. Her sister, freshmen Micah Hardesty, occupied the vice president position. Juniors Katie Helou and Amanda Heggem took on the roles of treasurer and secretary, respectively.

After meeting with the student senate twice and convening with Vice President for Student Development Skip Trudeau, the now-formed club was able to hold a booth at the club fair held Thursday last week. At the fair alone, they gathered 45 signatures, but have an estimated 65-70 people who have spoken with Hardesty about joining the monthly meetings for ASL.

Sophomore Abbey Russell and junior Abbey Niemi both have expressed heavy interest in the ASL club.

"American Sign Language is one of my heartbeats — I am interested in anything that can teach me more and refine my knowledge," Russell said. "I'm excited to see how the club will take shape throughout this year and ready to be a part of it."

Niemi, who according to Hardesty is hard of hearing, sees the ASL club as an opportunity to communicate with those in the deaf community who only communicate via signing.

Growing up, Niemi's parents pushed her to learn speech instead of ASL because they believed signing

would have closed her auditory canal due to her dependency on her hands. Niemi learned lip-reading as well, but she found this presented barriers with the deaf community.

"I would love to learn sign and have found many times that I have tried to communicate with the deaf, I couldn't really understand them," Niemi said. "Some people with hearing loss only know sign, and I wish to be able to communicate with others with hearing impairment."

Receiving positive feedback and interest from those such as Niemi and Russell, Hardesty planned the first meeting on Sept. 28 from 7-8 p.m. She intends to host some ice breakers and introduce to those who attend a brief survey of the deaf community and the cabinet. For the next two meetings, Hardesty plans to center them around events such as Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. At these, participants will learn how to sign for the various holidays.

In the future, Hardesty hopes the club will become even more involved with the deaf community through attending events with them such as bowling games and theatrical productions, and celebrating "Deaf Deaf World," a week of pride for the deaf community. For this, Hardesty wants to post flyers with a "sign of the day" and set up a station in the DC atrium where she teaches students various phrases.

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#TaylorU's TOP TWEETS

Tyler Kempton @TylerKempton12
If I had a dollar for every time I saw someone wearing a boot on campus this fall I could pay next semester's tuition #tayloru

Chris Arpin @chris_arpin
Learning about and making a Twitter for class. Not bad Taylor, not bad at all. #tayloru #nostress

Anna @annastreed
Last night I witnessed a girl walking around campus in the dark while using a flashlight to read her Bible #justtaylorthings #tayloru

Anna Kate @laughingbanAnna
The truth about a college girl's closet, overheard at #tayloru "The only part of this outfit that's mine is my body"

Michael Snyder @slorzdevoi
You know it's gonna be a good week when chapel opens with a Needtobreathe song. Also, they're gonna be here IN 3 WEEKS. WHAT. #tayloru

Olivia Miller @OliiviaaMillerr
I think the DC is on fire at least 3 times a week because of how much smoke pours out #tayloru

Grace Todd @gtodd135
Can't wait for winter so it can finally feel like we have air conditioning in Olson #tayloru

Io. @laurenvock
Perks of a small Christian school: leaving everything you own in the music building and knowing no one's going to take it. #TaylorU

The bi-weekly bachelor and bachelorette

"I'm always down for a hot coffee date." –Tanner Huber, junior



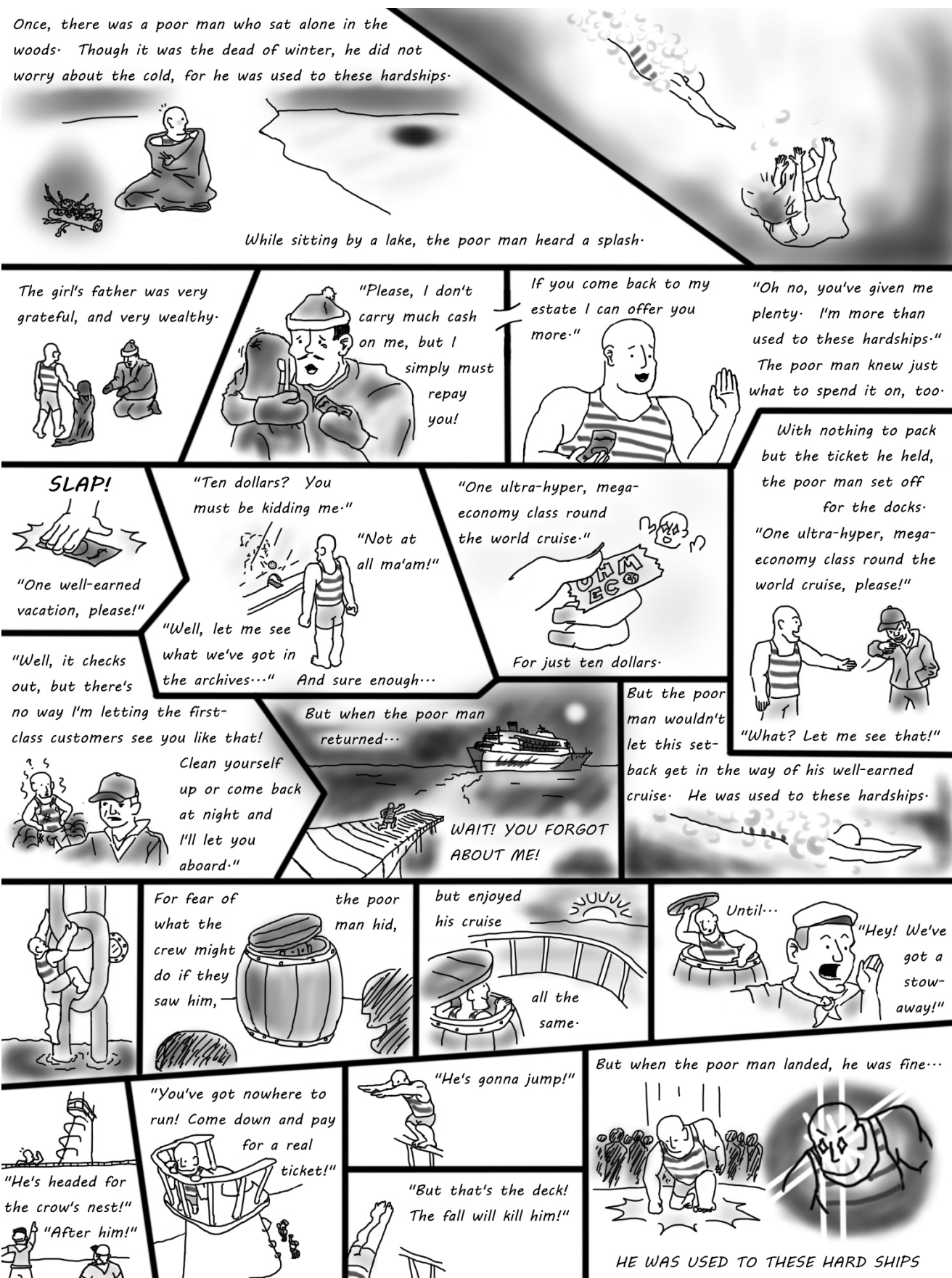
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"I'm looking for a man who doesn't love art, but appreciates it (like he can walk around a museum with me)." –Betsy Jones, senior

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From the cornfields to the big screen

A glimpse at senior Andrew Davis's film "Indiana"

Becca Eis
Staff Writer

The Bridge. Ivanhoes. Handy Andy's Marathon.

These are all familiar places that Taylor students learn to know and love during their time in Upland. Soon, however, the seemingly insignificant corners of Grant County will become more than just a small region amidst the cornfields. Instead, they will be the backdrop of a feature-length film written and directed by senior Andrew Davis.

"The timely story examines differing outsiders in heartland America during a time of evolving cultural, political, and racial identity," reads a

press release written by Davis.

The screenplay, entitled "Indiana," is set in modern-day Grant County and explores themes such as the "inevitable connectivity that comes with geography," according to Davis. Davis believes that though his characters come from different backgrounds and perspectives, the fact they reside in the same place can unite them.

The main characters are Chris, a white-supremacist and auto-mechanic, and Chuck, a retired and distant father, played by English Professor Joe Ricke, who both deal with alcoholism. Supporting characters include a group of Christian college students pursuing hip-hop careers on and off campus, struggling with relevant concepts such as race and sexuality throughout the film. Davis hopes that these characters' stories will show his audience



Grant county will become more than just a small region amidst cornfields.



(Front) Seniors Andrew Davis and Benjamin Bethel, (back) Sean Sele and Hannah Williams pose on house front steps.

that being close-minded and contentious causes us to only hurts ourselves.

"I truly hope this film divides the audience," Davis said. "Some viewers will be frustrated that a white supremacist is a developed character, some conservatives will be perturbed with my decision to include an LGBTQ Christian as a main character. But neither of these characters are 'issues.' They're people, their stories come first. Their identities influence their trajectories, but don't fully define them."

Davis believes his Taylor education has played a large part in preparing him for this large-scale project. He is grateful for the ways every class he has taken have allowed him to learn more about people and the world.

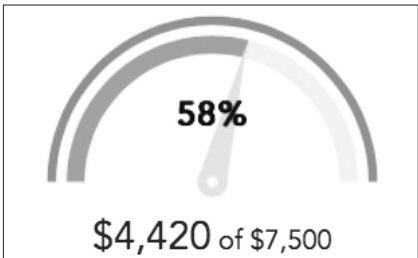
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Davis has created 16 short films throughout his time at Taylor. He is currently crowdfunding for his first feature-length film through the "Hometown Heroes" rally on seedandspark.com. Hometown Heroes is a competition focused on films utilizing the resources of their local community. When the campaign ends next month, 10 finalists will emerge from those who have acquired the most followers and been fully funded. From those 10, up to five film projects will be chosen to receive the grand prize, including a total of \$25,000 and executive producing by The Duplass Brothers. Winning this competition could potentially open up opportunities for wide distribution.

"(Supporting the film) is worth it in a sense because it's about this place where we are right now," said sophomore Benjamin Bethel, who plays one of the Christian college students. "I think that it speaks so much truth to the different mindset and different perspectives that have come to this school and that sort of interact with the Upland area."

Davis and his team are planning to fit filming into the last two weeks of March and finish editing over the summer. He hopes to premiere the film at a festival early in 2019. Davis sees the film as an opportunity to bring Grant County to the big screen for the first time. He encourages anyone in and outside of the Taylor community to follow his campaign at seedandspark.com/fund/Indiana until Oct. 13.

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Graphic provided by www.seedandspark.com

Senior Andrew Davis has rasied over 50 percent of his funds.

Flocked to each other

The band Stay Outside emerges from obscurity

Braden Ochs
Features Editor

Stage lights dim. The crowd's chatter grows quiet as slow footsteps engage the wrinkled rugs that run across the small coffee shop stage. Four men stand behind their instruments as their 50 fans look on.

The audience cheers as the drums rumble and guitars' sound waves blaze their way through the hopeful crowd. The passion of their instruments fans an emotional fire; the strength of the singer's voice spears the hearts of the excited audience.

Stay Outside performs with vigor at The Abbey Coffee Co. in Marion, Indiana. Lead singer Aaron Becker bellows into the microphone. Lead guitarist Garrett Johnston strums a rocked-out string choir. Bassist Sean West, the heartbeat of the chorus, mixes his bass with Noah Mitchener's foot stomping drum beats. They echoed an action-filled rhythm throughout the building.

Stay Outside is an Indiana band with hopeful goals, a love for music and a heart for fans. Their current obscurity doesn't keep them from making music.

Connected throughout elementary and middle school, the band members' relationship is a rarity, and it is evident in their performance. Like any partnership, it did not start this way. It wasn't until they realized their similarities that they started to spend time with each other.

"We kind of flocked to each other because we all liked the same kind of music," Becker said. "When it's music, there's only a few people into that, and (others) get weeded out pretty quickly."

The three soon became best friends. Playing in a rock band was their



Stay Outside members, Garrett Johnston (left), Aaron Becker (center) and Sean West (right), pose for their band photo.

biggest dream. They listened to rock music as kids, and they wanted to become the rock stars they listened to. But according to the band members, they started out roughly.

"We were 13," Becker said. "So, we were awful and wanted to cover awful music."

The band consisted only of Becker and Johnston at first, but they soon realized they were missing a bassist. They asked West to join.

The trio played in two bands together before they started Stay Outside.

"Last fall, we decided to really go for this as a professional band," Becker said. "We made an oath: 'We're going to be all in this 100 percent, even if it is a risk.'"

So, that's what they did. They became serious about their work and slowly made a name for themselves.

"We all have our own little zones, our own little jobs that we all (do), and every week we make sure each of us do (each of our) jobs," said Johnston.

Johnston produces a video of every show they do. He also composes the musical portion of the songs.

Becker, on the other hand, writes most of the lyrics and is responsible for maintaining the business side of the band: booking, marketing and social media.

West is the heartbeat of the group, like his role on bass guitar. He makes sure everyone is together and prepared for practices every week.

"He's our band dad," Becker said. "He's like: 'Hey guys, we have practice tomorrow at noon, okay? Ready? Everyone be awake by noon, okay?'"

However, the friendship does not stop with the trio. During live shows, they have a hired drummer named Noah Mitchener. He is like a little brother to them.

Becker describes Mitchener as the wild card or Charlie Day of the group, always making them laugh.

The band also talks fondly about his loyalty to them. Mitchener flew all the way from Texas just to be a part of one of the live shows.

Apart from the work they do running the band, they hang out with each other all the time. Johnston, Becker and West share a house together. They are huge TV and movie fans and quote their favorite shows to each other all the time. They also enjoy a good bonfire. It allows them to wind down and relax with each other.

One of their favorite things about Stay Outside is the live shows. According to West, without the people to share the music with, their heart for making music means nothing.

These three men try hard to affect and entertain the crowd.

"Something that's been pretty new over the past few months is when people start singing back," West said.

They care about the fans, and they want everyone to realize that Stay Outside isn't a band without them. The band-to-crowd relationship is something they have started to see in their live performances.

The relationships involved in making a great band work are pivotal, and Stay Outside is a good example of this.

"When I'm on stage, I'm with three of my brothers," Becker said. "I'm with family."

Sometimes a band is more than music. Sometimes solid relationships are what make the band great. The music is simply a bonus.

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Aaron Becker sings in front of an expectant audience.

Photograph provided by Stay Outside

The First Brush of Fall

Local paint-out

Grace Hooley
Staff Writer

Off they go in every direction. Paint, canvases and inspiration are thrown into the back of cars as these artists race to the spot they had picked out beforehand. In the back of their minds, they know they have to be back at 3:30 p.m. for the judging to begin, but all they can think of is how beautiful the scenery looks and how peaceful their hearts and minds feel.

Today and tomorrow, Sept. 22-23, is The First Brush of Fall paint-out in Converse, Indiana, held by Indiana Plein Air Painters Association (IPAPA). Tonight from 7-9 p.m., some artists will get their canvases stamped and begin working on their pieces as a bluegrass band named Borrowed Tyme Band plays. This is an event called Friday Nocturnal, where artists in downtown Converse paint in the dark. Saturday morning, around 6 a.m., other artists will come to get their canvases stamped and begin painting as well.

Artists must have their canvases stamped so they can be recognized as participants as they scout out the area. There will be approximately 50-60 people and three to four states represented. About 100 people come to watch, experience and buy art, and some of them aren't new to this.

"There is a group of people that follow some of these artists from place to place," said Avon Waters, the IPAPA host and state board member. "We call (these artists) 'rock stars.'"

Tomorrow at 3:30 p.m., the judging begins, and at 4:30 p.m., the cash prizes and awards are given. Prizes consist of a \$1,000 first prize, \$500 second prize, \$250 third prize and two honorable mentions of \$125 each. IPAPA also buys two or three paintings for their public collection. According to Waters, the Converse Historical Society wants to buy a building to hold these pieces, but for now, they have them in Oak Hill High School in Converse.

Thanks to donations from businesses and organizations in Converse, there is no entrance fee for artists. The growing acceptance from the community has also led to new locations that have been offered to participants for them to roam around as well.

"We look for more growth this year," said Steve Reiff, one of the organizers. "This brings artists from across Indiana and even the Midwest. That's the neat thing about these artists. They range from students or amateurs to pros. At the very beginning, we didn't start out with prize money."

The history dates back to the 1860s, when the impressionists in France put their paint into tubes and started painting what they saw outside. They used the sunlight, and artists brought that back to Indiana. About 125 years ago, a painter started painting out by the Richmond area (around Brown County), and that's what started this impressionist idea. Then 20 years ago, IPAPA started their mission, and they wanted to continue that tradition from the 1880s.

The First Brush of Fall has occurred for the past three years. It is normally scheduled for the first day of fall or the weekend after. Many changes have come and gone, but the history behind IPAPA and this event remains.



Tommy Woodson of Muncie paints the Seven Pillars area.

"As the IPAPA board, one of our missions is to educate the public to Indiana's history through painting," Waters said. "This is to educate and celebrate this tradition."

Reiff mentioned the "small town" feel of Converse is what draws artists and people to this event. He hopes their hospitality will continue to bring people and help this event grow.

Reiff, Waters and those organizing this event enjoy Converse and the beauty they believe it has. They are excited to see what these artists choose to depict in their pieces, and they are excited to continue this three year tradition of experiencing true art.

"The neat thing about this is that artists come from all over the state," Waters said. "They take the reality we see and turn it into a painting that is beautiful. We might not see the beauty until the artist translates it into something that others can appreciate."

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Where is the milk?

Don’t forget about Dreamers

The real heaviness of the DACA decision

Victor Rodriguez
Contributor

“DACA” and “Dreamers” are two phrases that have been thrown around a lot; many people have been asking what these phrases mean. As a Mexican American, these words carry a lot of weight and a lot of importance. But, before I can dive into how much this means to me, we must understand what these phrases are in the context of the United States. According to The Guardian, “DACA is a federal government program created in 2012 under Barack Obama to allow people brought to the US illegally as children the temporary right to live, study and work in America. Those applying are vetted for any criminal history or threat to national security and must be students or

have completed school or military service. If they pass vetting, action to deport them is deferred for two years, with a chance to renew, and they become eligible for basics like a driving license, college enrollment or a work permit.” ‘Dreamers’ are people under this program; they’re called Dreamers because DACA was derived from President Obama’s Dream Act. For a lot of these Dreamers, this is the only country they know; this is the place they call home. For others, this is the country that they are forever grateful for, the country that has fed and clothed them. For many now, this has become the country that has yet to accept them. The Dreamers are an amazing group of people; they’re kids who came and now want to continue to educate themselves and better the economy by working and being a productive person in society. When I heard that President Trump wanted to cut this program and possibly deport all these people, I was, as the young people say, shook. I couldn’t understand why he would want to stop these people from bettering America. Now, many might say they aren’t Americans and don’t deserve to be given this opportunity, but for many, this is all they know. Trump



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The rescindment of the DACA program threatens thousands with deportation.

is getting ready to send people to a country they haven’t been in since they were kids. This news came at a heavy time in our country. Texas was feeling the aftereffects of Hurricane Harvey, and Irma was well on the way. Around campus, everyone was saying, ‘pray for those who are affected by the hurricane,’ yet I felt everyone was oblivious to the tragedy that had just happened

with Trump’s announcement. Although I may not be a DACA student, I have family who are. Many of my friends are affected by this, and a lot of young adults in my neighborhood in Chicago are affected. Being on campus when all of this was going on, I was mad. I wanted to be in Chicago, I wanted to protest, I wanted to feel heard in the midst of silence. Of course, my heart goes out to

the people affected by the hurricane, but what about the people affected by DACA? People seem to forget that this policy affects real people in this country and on this campus. I just hope that Taylor’s campus can see the good this policy did and can see the bad in ending it. These people have stories, ambitions and love to make this country great again. **echo@taylor.edu**

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Put your money where your mouth is

Practical ways to a healthier lifestyle

Keely Krebs
Contributor

The facts: we’re in college, and we like food. And, for those of us who have a smaller meal plan, when we don’t go to the Dining Commons or LaRita Boren Campus Center, eating out is a reflex at this point. A substantial amount of the time and money we spend goes toward getting food into our bodies — and it usually is not the most stellar of options. It’s easy to say, “I’m too broke to buy my own food. It’s way cheaper to buy my taco at Taco Bell than make it.” This idea that food is cheaper when we eat out compared to buying and making our own food has been proven false. (Research links are provided in the online edition of THE ECHO.) Cooking your own meals is cheaper, healthier (usually) and a foolproof way to bond with and make friends. Here are some tips to eating yummy homemade food and not breaking the bank:

— **Buy produce in season.**
“But I’m not a farmer, I don’t know what’s in season.” Here’s a solution — Google “What foods are in season right now?” and press search. A whole list of foods will appear. You don’t trust the Internet? Go to the farmers

market and check out what they sell. That’s all in season and a great way to support this community. The Upland Farmers Market is every Thursday starting at 3 p.m., located off of Main and Railroad Street (near The Bridge and Helping Hands).

— **Grocery shop together.**

Your friends want a yummy meal too? Great! Go in on the cost together, and then cook that meal together. Cooking is a skill we all should have.

— **Make cooking more convenient.**

Meal prepping is a great way to do this. It’s simple to turn Sundays into your prep days, because prepping takes almost no time (so I won’t make you take away from your homework time). Cut up the veggies you know you will use this week, cook some rice to last several meals, bake some chicken if you like that and invest in some Tupperware. This is also an incredible way to learn how to portion your food. Portion sizes are usually on the Internet, if they are not on the bag. When you are ready for a meal, you will have minimal prep time left for whatever it is you’re cooking.

— **Use that meal plan!**

You have one or two meals a day at the DC or campus center? Take some fruit to go. Save it up if you want to make a smoothie or a fruit salad, or



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Attending your local farmers market is a great way to support the community and eat well.

eat it as a snack later if you get hungry.

— **Make your own coffee and tea.**

Seriously. This will save you so much money. SO MUCH. A drink at a coffee shop likely costs close to \$5; if you’re buying around three cups a week, that totals about \$60 a month. That is money that can go toward your groceries.

— **Try cooking.**

This does not have to be an immediate change. If cooking freaks you out and you would rather wait to do that with a friend or two, just try a

couple days a week. Is Saturday or Sunday your main day to go out to eat? Replace a few meals on those days with meals you cook for yourself.

Dining out has become a norm for us, yet it is less cost effective and less beneficial to your health. By cooking at home, you will actually save money, learn important life skills (like cooking, portioning and making friends) and benefit your health (you really do feel better when you eat homemade food). Help your bank account and your body by cooking your own meals. **echo@taylor.edu**

Where is the milk?

What our campus center is missing

Emily Rachelle Russell
Staff Writer

It’s the most enviable aspect of senior year: meal transfers. The freedom to take your meals with you, whenever you want, wherever you want, with options from fried chicken to noodles to my favorite, the chilled turkey sandwich. The LaRita Boren Campus Center’s food services have always strived to maintain the same level of quality and healthful choices found at the Dining Commons. Until now. While the hiring of a new chef has indisputably raised DC quality, my excitement at achieving seniority has led me to choose most of these first weeks’ meals from Zurcher Commons. Every day, I peer into each of the many new coolers, only to be disappointed. Where, may I ask, is the milk? Taylor’s dining services prides themselves in offering variety and quality in their food. An important part of this vision is the wide

availability of delicious, healthy choices. Yet my beverage choices for meal transfers are limited to water, soda, tea, lemonade and chocolate Silk. If I’m paying for a meal, I don’t want a liquid I can get elsewhere for free — no water. And fountain drinks? Think of the sugar! The chemicals! The rotting teeth! According to ChooseMyPlate.gov, 19- to 30-year-old adults should consume three cups of low-fat or fat-free dairy daily. Dairy consumption is linked to reduced risks for osteoporosis, cardiovascular disease and Type 2 diabetes. Milk has been a staple in school cafeterias for decades. Entire advertisement campaigns that haunt my childhood have been dedicated simply to getting children to drink milk. Is a return of the little paper cartons that keep me happy and healthy really too much to ask? Wait! I hear the comments. “Silk is milk! Isn’t that good enough? It’s so considerate to the lactose intolerant students! You can drink it too.” I agree. Woe be the day the lactose-free milk alternative is removed from the campus center. But let’s be honest. If



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All these options, and no milk?!

the campus center has room for more than 80 choices of sodas, teas, coffee and sports drinks, it has room for two kinds of milk. Students who care about your health and your freedom to choose your food, join with me in begging the campus center food staff: Bring back my milk! **echo@taylor.edu**

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“It’s our last time to practice everything we have been working on in practice before it really starts to count in conference next week”

Women’s soccer keeps on moving up



Olympic gold medalist David Neville will be a sprints coach at the University of Tennessee.

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Neville heads to Tennessee

Track and field head coach departs Taylor after three years

Justin Chapman
Sports Editor

David Neville, the three-year head coach for men’s and women’s track and field, is moving on to a bigger stage. He announced on Monday he is resigning to be a sprints coach at the University of Tennessee.

The 2008 Olympic Gold Medalist helped the Trojans accomplish great goals. The men’s and women’s track and field program produced 30 NAIA All-Americans, 30 new school records and 106 national qualifiers during Neville’s tenure.

“It’s definitely a tough leave, to be here for three years,” said Neville. “I’ve been here a little over three years. I’ve

really enjoyed my time here. The community (and) the people here show me nothing but love. I think the hardest part is leaving behind the student-athletes that I’ve invested time in.”

In Neville’s words, God opened some opportunities he wasn’t expecting. When he was offered a position at one of the top schools in the country in one of the best conferences, it was hard for him to pass up the opportunity.

Through prayer and wise counsel from others, Neville knew he should walk through the doors God opened. Nothing was negative about his experience at Taylor, but he felt moving on to a new stage of life was the best move for him and his family.

Some of Neville’s favorite times at Taylor include going on spring break trips with the track and field team. Those experiences are where he really got to learn about the student-athletes

and bond well with them.

Junior sprinter Sam Lacher said it was a surprise to him and most of the team when they found out about the news. However, he’s happy for Neville and grateful for how Neville has developed Taylor’s track program. Neville now has a new son, so Lacher is excited Neville can move on and do what is best for his family.

“He pushes you past what you think you can do, and then usually you succeed, and you surprise yourself,” said Lacher. “So it just makes you want to work harder and harder every time.”

Neville is leaving Taylor with many memories made. According to Neville, he has been shown that no matter what level he is at, no matter whether it’s a secular or Christian environment, people need Jesus.

The simple truth is compelling to him after interacting with Taylor student-athletes.

“If you want to run track, and you get to be around an Olympic gold medalist who loves the Lord, and loves his family and really has his priorities in order, it’s a really refreshing thing, right?” Athletics Director Kyle Gould said. “There’s so much that goes on with people that’s not good, he was such a good, humble, successful person.”

Neville knows moving on to Tennessee will present its challenges. One of the biggest challenges will be the recruiting process. He is excited to guide higher-level athletes into the realm of professional sports.

Not many people go into college wanting to come out the other side a professional athlete. There is a chance that will happen at Tennessee, and when it does, Neville can help develop those athletes with his experience.

The athletic department is already on the search for a new coach. They hope to find someone who is an

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FOOTBALL
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MEN’S TENNIS
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VOLLEYBALL
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9/23 Mount Vernon (A) 3 p.m.
9/27 Indiana Wesleyan 7 p.m.

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(A) = Away (N) = Neutral site
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excellent coach but also develops student-athletes as well as Neville could.

“I’m really happy for him, and I’m disappointed for us because he just had so much to offer, not just for the track team but for our athletic department,” said Gould. “We’re going to definitely miss him, and we have our work cut out to replace him. Definitely mixed emotions, but (we’re) really happy for him.”

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Women’s soccer keeps on moving up

Trojans attain victory in three out of the past four games

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Taylor’s women’s soccer team continues to climb the ladder in the national polls. After racking up three more wins in the past two weeks, they moved up from No. 17 to No. 16, matching the highest ranking in the program’s history.

The Trojans already proved they should have ranked higher than No. 22 in the preseason polls, but last Saturday they capitalized on the matter and defeated Aquinas 1–0.

Despite their opponents, aggressive and physical style of play, the team focused on controlling the game and playing the way they have practiced.

According to sophomore Danielle Toren, the team’s methodology is speed to the goal. Each girl is determined to make quality passes towards their final destination — the goal.

As the seconds ticked through the first half, both teams had difficulty scoring. Although the ball remained on the Trojans’ offensive side, the Aquinas goalkeeper made some confident saves and kept Taylor off the scoreboard.

Going into halftime, the Trojans were determined to avoid retaliating with physicality. The mentality to rise above that style of play was effective, as midway through the second half Toren scored her first collegiate goal.

“The goal was a beautiful header from Danielle Toren off of a long direct kick expertly placed by senior Megan Kammer,” said head coach Scott Stan. “We could have scored another goal or two, but that is timing. However, the ladies are generating attacking opportunities.”

Toren’s goal was the only one that was scored in the game for both Taylor and Aquinas. The Trojans were able to walk away from Turner Stadium with yet another victory, making their record 6–1.

“However, the ladies are generating attacking opportunities,” said head coach Scott Stan.

Every game has a competitive atmosphere, but even more so during conference matchups. Stan believes the Crossroads League is the deepest and toughest conference in the NAIA, and the team is ready to rise to the challenge.

The team will kick off their conference season against Grace next Saturday. The game is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Turner Stadium.

Tomorrow, the team will have another opportunity to add a win to their record.

“It’s our last time to practice everything we have been working on in practice before it really starts to count in conference next week,” said



Senior Megan Kammer has scored 4 goals so far this season.

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junior Lauren Engelkes. “I am excited to see how far we can go.”

They will compete against Georgetown at 11 a.m. for their last

non-conference game of the season.

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Nicole Jung

Photograph by Brad Timmerman

Athlete of the Week	
Nicole Jung	
Year	Freshman
Hometown	Santa Cruz, Bolivia
Favorite golf club	8-iron
If you could play another sport	Ping-Pong
Funniest teammate	Annie Stimmel
Favorite pump up song	“Otra Vez” — Zion & Lennox

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Trojan Trivia

How many consecutive games has the volleyball team won in a row?

A. 3 B. 4 C. 5 D. 6

Check back next week for the answer! Last weeks answer: B

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